

State Criminal History Records Repository Noncriminal Background Screening Survey



Volunteers for Children Act (VCA) Survey

Conducted at the Request of the Compact Council

- Noncriminal Background Processing Survey Used to Gather Information on Practices, Policies and Workload
- VCA Survey Looked at Screening under Authority of Federal and State Laws
- 41 States responded

How does your state process noncriminal justice purpose requests?

- All respondents forward at least some part of their noncriminal workload to the FBI
- 34 States Said:
 - At least some background checks are handled by name searches of state files
 - These name searches are not part of a technical fingerprint search
 - At least part of the noncriminal workload is handled by technical fingerprint searches of state files

How does your state process noncriminal justice purpose requests? (cont)

- 32 States indicated that at least some noncriminal prints only go to the FBI after a technical fingerprint search
- 15 States reported that at least some part of their workload is forwarded to the FBI without a technical fingerprint search

Last Year – A Few Numbers

- 8.36 million total background checks conducted by 33 of 34 states that do name searches
 - No statewide count in GA. – checks are done by local law enforcement
 - Includes internet based inquiries
 - FL & AZ reported more than _ million name searches followed by fingerprint verification of candidates

2000 - A Few Numbers (Cont.)


- 3.4 million fingerprint searches of state files reported by 32 of 34 states
- 2.4 million applicant fee prints were forwarded to the FBI

How much do states charge for name checks?

12 States have variable fees	
4 States	No charge
4 States	\$1 to \$3
22 States	\$5 to \$10
12 States	\$12 to \$19
5 States	\$20 to \$25

How much do states charge for fingerprint searches of state files?

4 States have variable fees	
1 State	No charge
9 States	\$8 or \$10
19 States	\$12 to \$15
7 States	\$20 to \$25
2 States	\$30 or \$35
1 State	\$50



- When both a state a national check is conducted the FBI \$18 volunteer fee or \$24 92-544 fee is added to the state name or fingerprint search fee

- 18 of the 41 respondent states indicated they are not subject to laws limiting fees to the cost of processing or other qualifier



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Question Responses

- 28 of 41 States conduct checks on volunteers pursuant to the VCA or a comparable state law
- 18 States conduct at least some checks pursuant to state or local law
 - Day care providers, child care volunteers, elderly care employees, children serving nonprofits, etc.
- 18 States reported conducting fingerprint checks under the VCA

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Question Responses (Cont.)

- 12 States recognize “authorized agencies” other than the state repository
 - Departments of Social Services, Education, Human Services, Mental Health, etc.
- 9 States recognize “qualified entities” ranging from one to 310